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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Richard Ian Christopherson et al.  
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For : ASSAY TO DETECT A BINDING PARTNER

Examiner : Anne L. Holleran  
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Docket No. : 650061.401C1  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.112 AND 1.121

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2005, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on August 4, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.